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1. PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES: SOMALIA'S PRINCIPLE POLITICAL OBJECTIVE IN MULTILATERAL FORA IN 1976 IS TO AMASS SUPPORT FOR A FRENCH WITHDRAWAL ON SOMALI TERMS FROM THE FRENCH TERRITORY OF AFARS AND ISSAS (FTAI). SOMALIA WILL THUS ATTEMPT TO MOBILIZE THIRD WORLD OPPOSITION TO A FRANCO/ETHIOPIAN PUPPET REGIME IN DJIBOUTI, WILL SEEK THE RETURN OF SOMALI "REFUGEES" AND PUSH FOR A UN OR OAU-SUPERVISED REFERENDUM IN THE TERRITORY. IN THE UN AND OAU, IT WILL CONTINUE TO PORTRAY THE CHARACTER OF FRENCH RULE AS WELL AS THE GOF'S CURRENT PLANS FOR THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO A NEW INDEPENDENT DJIBOUTI GOVT AS ARBITRARY AND OPPRESSIVE.

2. AMONG THE WORLD'S 25 POOREST NATIONS, SOMALIA WILL ALSO
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JOIN WITH THE OTHER ULTRA-RADICAL THIRD-AND FOURTH-WORLD STATES

TO PRESS FOR A "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER". IT WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT COMMODITY CARTELS, OPPOSE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS, REMAIN SUSPICIOUS OF FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT AS AGENTS OF ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM, AND STRONGLY SUPPORT NATIONALIZATION/EXPROPRIATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOMALIA'S INCREASINGLY DESPERATE FINANCIAL SITUATION DEMANDS THAT IT SEEK AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS POSSIBLE FROM U.N. AGENCIES, THE EEC AND -- SO LONG AS IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPROMISE ITS RADICAL POLICIES -- FROM THE WEALTHY ARAB STATES.

3. A MEMBER OF THE U.N., THE OAU, THE ARAB LEAGUE, THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AND THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, SOMALIA IS NOT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, SEEKING ADMISSION TO ADDITIONAL MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS. NEITHER IS IT, SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, SPONSORING CANDIDATES FOR POSITIONS IN SUCH BODIES (ALTHOUGH ITS CURRENT SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OMAR ARTEH, MAY BE THE SDR'S CHOICE FOR ANY IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL POSITION THAT FALLS VACANT). SOMALIA IS, HOWEVER, EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO HOST AN ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT AND REPORTEDLY WILL GET THE OPPORTUNITY THIS APRIL.

4. INFLUENCE FROM OR ON OTHER COUNTRIES:

DESPITE SOMALI CLAIMS TO NON-ALIGNMENT, SOMALIA'S DECISIONS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES ARE HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY ITS SCIENTIFIC SOCIALIST IDEOLOGY AND ITS PRO-SOVIET POLICY COURSE. IT COUNTS ITSELF AS PART OF THAT REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD WHICH MARXISM-LENINISM ASSURES IS THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE. THUS, SOMALI VOTES HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED THE MOSCOW POSITION ON ALL ISSUES THE USG REGARDS AS IMPORTANT. SOMALIA IS ALSO IN THE FOREFRONT OF THOSE THIRD WORLD RADICALS WHO FORM INSTANT MAJORITIES IN VARIOUS FORA WHICH RAILROAD THROUGH RESOLUTIONS UNFAVORABLE TO THE U.S. WHEN THE OAU, AT ITS JANUARY MEETING, SPLIT ON THE ANGOLA ISSUE, THE GSDR WAS CHARACTERISTICALLY FAR OUT IN FRONT OF THE PRO-SOVIET FACTION AND HAD RECOGNIZED THE MPLA TWO MONTHS EARLIER ON THE DAY PORTUGAL GAVE THE TERRITORY ITS INDEPENDENCE.

5. INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATIONS:

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WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE TIMELINESS (OR LACK THEREOF) OF GSDR INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS DELEGATIONS. WE ASSUME THAT MOST GSDR DELEGATIONS SENT ABROAD ARE ALREADY THOROUGHLY IMBUED WITH THE PROPER REVOLUTIONARY LINE. WHEN QUICK DECISIONS ARE REQUIRED, AND WITH COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE SOMALI CAPITAL AND EVERYWHERE POOR TO NON-EXISTENT, SOMALI DELEGATES TEND TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE EASTERN BLOC AND THIRD-WORLD RADICALS.

6. INDEPENDENT POWER OF DELEGATES:

NO SOMALI REPRESENTATIVE ABROAD HAS INDEPENDENT POLITICAL POWER. MANY, IN FACT, DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT'S FULL CONFIDENCE (WHICH IS THE REASON THEY'RE ABROAD IN THE FIRST PLACE). NONE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO COMMIT THE GSDR TO ANYTHING THAT PRESIDENT SIAD, WERE HE TO SEE FIT, WOULD NOT RENEGE ON.

7. RECEPTIVITY TO U.S. REPRESENTATIONS:

THE GSDR WILL POLITELY RECEIVE OUR DEMARCHES BUT UNDOUBTEDLY IGNORE THEM. OUR INFLUENCE WILL REMAIN VIRTUALLY NIL. SOMALI POSITIONS IN MULTILATERAL FORA ARE SO RIGID THAT APPROACHES TO THE LEADERSHIP ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE U.S. SERVE LITTLE PURPOSE SAVE TO LET THE SRC KNOW THAT THERE IS ANOTHER SIDE TO THE QUESTION. THE GSDR IS AWARE OF THE USG'S POLICY TO LINK BEHAVIOR IN MULTILATERAL FORA WITH BILATERAL SUPPORT -- AID, FOR EXAMPLE -- BUT BELIEVES THAT THE USG HAS LONG USED AID AS A POLICY INSTRUMENT (I.E., WITHDRAWAL OF USAID IN SOMALIA IN 1972). IT REJECTS THIS AS IMPERIALIST BULLJING OR BUYING OFF SMALL, POOR COUNTRIES LIKE SOMALIA. THE ONLY OCCASION IN RECENT MEMORY ON WHICH GSDR HAS SOUGHT OUR SUPPORT -- AND THEN IN WASHINGTON-- HAS BEEN THE NOW-POSTPONED SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE FEBRUARY 3 FTAI INCIDENT.
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